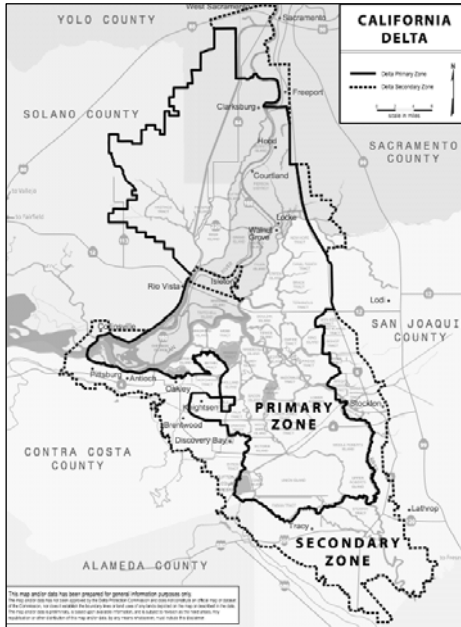


# DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION LAND USE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE PROGRESS REPORT – JULY 24, 2008



Per direction of the Delta Protection Commission (DPC), DPC staff, assisted by the California State University Sacramento, Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP), has moved forward on updating of the Commission's Land Use and Resource Management Plan.

## ***Project Goals:***

- Engage Stakeholders to assist the Commission in Updating the Land Use Plan.
- Provide a comprehensive and cohesive framework for overall land use planning in the region.
- Enhance stewardship of the Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta.
- Outline a dynamic governance approach for overseeing implementation of various Delta initiatives being proposed by all the jurisdictions.

This progress report recaps the project workplan presented to the Commission January 24, 2008 (Item 26A) and notes the status of the items.

## **Mini Assessment**

*Workplan: Conduct a mini assessment of key Commission members and stakeholders to outline critical update concerns.*

**Status:** On schedule. A few interviews still remain; however, those already interviewed provided a number of suggestions that improved the approach used in the Project Launch meetings. Some specific comments included:

1. Project timing: Is this the right time and schedule for the update? What is the value of modifying the plan at this time when so much is in play with numerous other initiatives?
2. Focus: Does the process emphasize that the Delta is People, Communities and Agriculture – more than just recreation and habitat?

Interview questions covered the following:

- 1) Do you feel there are additional categories or topics that should be considered in the Plan, and if so, which ones?
- 2) How would you define what would constitute a successful update?
- 3) What are the critical make or break factors for success?
- 4) Do you have any advice or friendly amendments to the approach?

Answers to the interview questions will be used to frame additional workshop discussions and will be reported in a future progress report after the all the interviews are completed.

## **Document and Literature Review**

*Workplan: Conduct an assessment of the numerous Delta documents recently generated to identify areas of cross over into the Management Plan.*

Status: Completed. CCP staff:

- Developed a background research report covering 32 major Delta-related initiatives
  - included initiatives at the (1) State, (2) county, and (3) local government levels
- Circulated this to all Commissioners and solicited comments and corrections
  - received and incorporate comments from Department of Parks & Recreation and Contra Costa County
  - expecting comments from some others and will incorporate these once received (e.g., Department of Food & Agriculture)
- Many initiatives addressed climate change – not current a topic in the Management Plan, but something for possible discussion
- Will use this information to assist in drafting revised policy language
- Also found that the Delta Project Checklist (on the website) provided a simple and helpful tool for proposed projects

The June 19, 2008 Draft Report is on the DPC Website at  
[http://www.delta.ca.gov/pdf/MPU\\_BkgdResearchRep\\_06-19-08.pdf](http://www.delta.ca.gov/pdf/MPU_BkgdResearchRep_06-19-08.pdf).

## **Planning Team**

*Workplan: Utilize a small Planning Team of DPC executives, key stakeholders and a sub-committee of the Commission to provide overall project direction and specific direction for the format of the Stakeholder Launch and Workshops.*

Status: On schedule. The group will be convened as the project progresses.

## **Stakeholder Project Launch**

*Workplan: Conduct a stakeholder project launch where all or some members and another 30-50 participants outline the Plan's most essential update issues and formulate creative recommendations, policies and actions for further investigation.*

Status: Completed July 16 and 21, 2008.

The purpose of the Management Plan Update's Project Launch Workshop was to receive public input on items for inclusion in an updated Plan. The Commission hoped to hear from the public about essential update issues, potential new policies, creative recommendations for improvement of the plan, and actions for further investigation. Many thanks go to the gracious meeting room hosts at the City of Antioch – Maintenance Service Center and the Jean Harvey Community Center in Walnut Grove.

Although there was a slightly smaller turnout than hoped for (20-25 per meeting), the stakeholders represented most sectors of the Delta and input was robust. Copies of the agenda and meeting workbook are on the DPC website at: [http://www.delta.ca.gov/plan/management\\_mtgs.asp](http://www.delta.ca.gov/plan/management_mtgs.asp).

Due to the light turnout, DPC staff and CCP have created an on-line web survey so that those not able to attend the session AND/OR those that would like to provide addition in-put may do so without having to write a formal letter. The survey web link is at:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=2AtoMmzrdk1qCf6VWXHGCg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=2AtoMmzrdk1qCf6VWXHGCg_3d_3d).

Meeting notes from the sessions are being prepared and should be available on line in the next week.

## **Webpage**

The DPC website home page includes updates on the process and a separate page with all related documents at: <http://www.delta.ca.gov/plan/management.asp>.

## **Project Work Plan Next Steps**

### **(1) Topic Specific Workshops**

- a. Will begin in August
- b. Once revised policy language has been drafted by staff, a series of 18 to 27 topic-specific workshops will be held
- c. Workshops will allow community members to have a more in-depth discussion about proposed policies, and play an active role in drafting new language
- d. Each workshop will be about 1.5 hours long, and will have phone-in and on-line internet capacity, so that people can join in and follow along remotely

### **(2) Prepare Draft Plan Update**

- a. In conjunction with a Planning Team of DPC executives, key stakeholders, and a sub-committee of the Commission will prepare a draft plan update and associated public meeting materials

### **(3) Commission Action**

- a. The Commission will then be asked to assist in presenting the initial draft update for review at public meetings, likely in October

### **(4) Public Review Workshops**

- a. 4-6 public workshops will be held in the Delta to receive input on the draft plan
- b. Feedback will be used to develop a final draft plan

### **(5) Commission Action**

- a. The Commission will then review the final draft plan for adoption, likely in December

Respectfully Submitted,  
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